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1. Beginning in February 1954, the Moslem Turkish elements in Bulgaria have been the objects of attack on the part of the Bulgarian Communist authorities. Appearances indicate, however, that the Bulgarian authorities have been incited to this policy by their Soviet masters.

2. More than 200 Moslem Turks have been sent to forced labor camps, as "reactionaries." They are now at Tsumerna 25X1 north of Nova Zagora.

3. A reverse policy is also being practiced. That is, efforts are being made to slip Moscow-trained Turks in among the Turkish element of the population. These individuals then profess to be able to find means of helping the Moslem population.

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4. The real Communist purpose in sending these men in, is to carry on Communist propaganda among the Bulgarian Moslems. The Moslems have shown themselves "reactionary," as regards Communism. At least, this is the view of the Communist Party. They are, in consequence, being handled in several different ways.

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